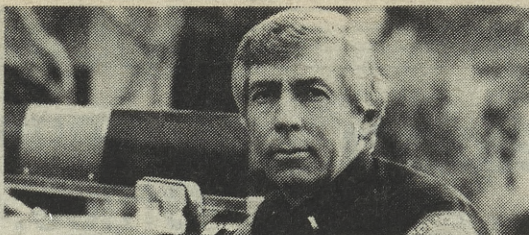


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A Personal Report

Women March To Take Back The Night

By AMBER STEWART

On Friday, September 17, the women of Sacramento took to the streets to reclaim, for the third year in a row, our night.

This year's program was different from those of previous years in a couple of ways. The rally this year took place before the march, assuring that more women were present to hear the speakers, and this year's speakers were probably the best we've ever had.

The talks were short and to the point, each and every one, and for the first time the entire event was over by 10:30 p.m., time enough to get home and watch ourselves on the news.

Nicole Valentino, who always lends an air of quiet dignity when she speaks, was emcee. She mentioned things to keep in mind while marching.

Other speakers included Lynn Cooper, professor of social work at CSUS, discussing the different forms of violence against women and how they are manifested, and Anmarie Wagstaff, well-known for her work against pornography.

Karla Grant struck a chord in all of us with her reminder that we were not



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Hundreds of women of all ages gathered at the Capitol for the third annual Take Back The Night march and rally on September 17. The march ended a week of activities and discussions focused on awareness of violence against women.

there to meekly request our space, but to demand that which is rightfully ours—the right to be safe in our homes, at our jobs, and on the streets, at any

time of day or night.

The final speaker, at the culmination of the march, is, I think, one of the finest speakers to come upon the scene

in quite some time. Ruth Flenoy is eloquent, articulate, and incredibly powerful. She has the ability to hold her audience in her spell, so that when she speaks, even the children are quiet. She sent us off into the night after having us all scream over and over again to the stars, "I am somebody because I am a woman!"

As usual, the Sacramento Men's Collective is to be commended for the time and effort they extended in support of us, by having consciousness-raising groups for the men while the women were marching. Although there were not nearly so many men present this year as in the past, it still gave me a warm feeling to come back from the march and see those men there in support of us and what we were doing. I feel a deep warmth for those men to whom equality of women is an important issue.

I also noted that this year, for the first time, the cruisers on L Street actually gave us positive reinforcement instead of catcalling as we marched for the third time through their space. Perhaps their recent

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Demo Chair Endorses Waters, Calls Lowe An Embarrassment

Two political activists addressed the monthly meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays on September 7. They spoke to the group about political issues and candidates of importance to the gay and lesbian community.

Shireen Miles, president of the Sacramento chapter of the National Organization for Women, and Gary Miller, chairman of the Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee, were introduced by Jerry Sloan, who organized the program.

Despite the recent defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment, Miles said, women's political power is growing. "All of a sudden, the media are talking about the women's vote."

She predicted success for the reintroduced ERA. "The polls have been in our favor, but the power has not. This is changing. Behind the scenes, we're like little ants—thousands of feminists working away."

Gary Miller talked about specific races and candidates. "The number one priority," he said, "is the election of Jerry Brown to the US Senate,"

because of Brown's support for gay rights. He cited Brown's signing of the Consensual Sex Law, his executive order barring sexual orientation discrimination in state employment, and his backing of a gay employment bill.

Miller strongly recommended voting and working for Assemblyman Leroy Greene in his state Senate race against John Doolittle. Doolittle, he noted, is outspokenly anti-gay and receives a great deal of support from conservative Senator H.L. Richardson and Richardson's front groups.

Stating that he seldom recommends Republicans for election to any office, Miller endorsed Lt. Robbie Waters, a Republican, for Sacramento County Sheriff.

Incumbent Democratic Sheriff Duane Lowe, Miller said, "is an embarrassment to the Democratic Party and to the people of Sacramento, and does not deserve to be re-elected."

Miller compared Lowe to Tom Metzger, a KKK leader who ran for office in San Diego County as a Democrat a

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Bar Party Given

The Power Plant hosted a Bartenders' Party earlier this month. Bartenders came from Stockton and Modesto to join those from Broadway LTD, Anna Marie's, Diamond Butterfly, Wreck Room, Club 21, Mercantile Saloon, and Power Plant.

OPINION

Use Your Weapon

Throughout history gay and lesbian people have been the target of political attack. The same is true today with increased attacks by the New Right, including the Moral Majority's Rev. Jerry Falwell and State Senators H.L. Richardson and John Doolittle.

Unlike some of the gay people of the past, we have been given a weapon with which to fight our opponents. The weapon? The ballot.

However, there is a catch. In order to exercise the right to vote, a citizen must first register with the county registrar of voters.

It's a simple process. All it takes is filling out a post card and sending it in. Unfortunately many people in our community have not taken advantage of this opportunity and time is running out in which to register for the November 2 general election. The deadline is Monday, October 4.

Forms are available from Gay Vote '82 at 457-7489 or from the county registrar of voters at 363-6262.

Remember, time is short. You'll want to be able to use your weapon on November 2.*

Charges March Discrimination

Editor:

On Friday night the 17th of September a coalition of women from several local groups held Sacramento's third Take Back the Night march and rally at our state capitol. Some men in the gay community intended to march and show support for the gay and straight women, but were told, very firmly, that the rally and march was for women only. When these men asked that they be allowed to participate because they were concerned and sympathetic with women's causes, their protests netted no response other than that they were not wanted.

The rationale given for excluding males was that the women did not want to feel dependent on men, and wanted to be able to march alone, without support from anyone. Questions of "Aren't you discriminating against men solely on the basis of sex?" and "Shouldn't we all try to end discrimination wherever and whenever we find it?" went unanswered. Repeated telephone inquiries to the Rape Crisis Center found them unresponsive to pleas for inclusion in the rally or march, and brought denials that any discrimination existed.

A rap group for men was proposed for the period of the rally, to which men were directed. Men were told they could "observe" but could not march.

If any men's group had dared to suggest the same treatment to any group of gay or straight women, World War III would probably have begun. Rampant sexual discrimination, however, was unquestionably justified by a few radical feminists because they evidently felt threatened by the presence of a few gay men.

The offensive and insensitive handling of this matter is a sad commentary on current events when so many in the gay community are working heart and soul to end all discrimination. That the sponsors of this march perpetuate stereotypes and cliches is certainly saddening and disheartening.

We all live in this community and we are all going to have to work together, march together, and live together. The place and time to end discrimination is here and now.

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Says Elect Robbie Waters

Editor:

With the November 2 election upon us, the Sacramento gay and lesbian community has the opportunity to make a visible impact as to the outcome of one very important race. That is the Sacramento County Sheriff's race.

This election is our opportunity to unseat a sheriff who has openly made statements against our community. His own actions have proved he sees gays and lesbians as less than human.

Duane Lowe has said:

"Absolutely, unequivocally, under no circumstances ever will I hire one [gay officer] unless ordered by the US Supreme Court—because that's just how far I would take it."

"If I ever had to call for the services of a policeman, I wouldn't expect the sheriff or the police chief to send out a queer."

On September 8, 1982, at the VFW Hall during a debate between Duane Lowe and Robbie Waters, a question was asked in regards to the gay community. Again Lowe reinforced his homophobic attitudes.

He made accusations of Robbie Waters courting the gay vote. Waters responded by saying, "They are citizens like anyone. I'm courting every voter in the county, whatever their sexual preference."

It is time that Sacramento has responsible and fair-minded leadership in the Sheriff's Department. Your vote for Robbie Waters on November 2 will help create that change. Be responsible for your future.

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Community Center Will Rent Office, Plans Future Expansion

Our Community United will rent an office to establish a presence and to provide a place for member organizations to use, it was decided at the third Community Forum on Monday, September 20.

A meager crowd of only 14 turned out for the meeting. The Board of Directors convened after hearing the opinions of those present and authorized the site committee to find an office space by the board's next meeting on October 18.

The group heard a proposal from Linda Birner, publisher of Mom...Guess What!, that they rent office space in a building she will be managing on 21st Street between I and J streets. She stated that Action Business Services and A Better Answering Service will relocate there along with her newspaper. No action was taken on her proposal.

OCU President Philip Hoskins

stated that the facility the community really needs is a large, multi-purpose facility, "but we're a million miles away from that." For the time being, an office will show good faith and provide a base of operations for a membership and funding campaign with a goal of a larger facility in two years at the earliest.

Representatives of River City Business Association and Great Northwest Imperial Empire pledged their organizations' support.

The board adopted a policy stating that all fundraisers for OCU must be approved in writing by the board and must be conducted in accordance with OCU standards.

Doug Schafer, Emperor IX, announced grants totalling \$306 from GNIE. Acting Treasurer Tom Walters reported that those grants brought OCU's total savings to approximately \$1500.*

Sac State LGPU Debuts Services, Plans; Campus Offers Two Other Groups

More than 60 people attended the general meeting of the CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union on September 16 to hear about the organization's plans for the year.

President Herman Adams, Jr. discussed the three rap groups the LGPU sponsors.

The Coming Out Group is a structured group for anyone who feels uncomfortable about being lesbian or gay. It meets Mondays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Miwok Room of the University Union.

Also on Monday nights is the Open Door Rap, an unstructured, general-topic discussion group. This group meets in the Miwok Room also, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Wednesday night Women Only Rap provides a safe space for women to discuss topics of interest to them. This group meets from 7 to 9 p.m.

In addition to the rap groups, the LGPU sponsors potlucks every other Friday and monthly speakers.

Other events on tap for the year include movies, plays, and possibly a day at WaterWorld USA.

Last spring the LGPU ended its year with a paid membership of 130, compared to about 10 the year before.

The LGPU started 11 years ago as the Society for Homosexual Freedom. It had to sue the university for recognition.

In contrast, today there are three gay and lesbian student organizations at CSUS. In addition to the LGPU, there is Chi Rho, a religious club affiliated with Metropolitan Community Church, and the Lambda Media Association, a new organization aimed at promoting quality gay images in the media.*

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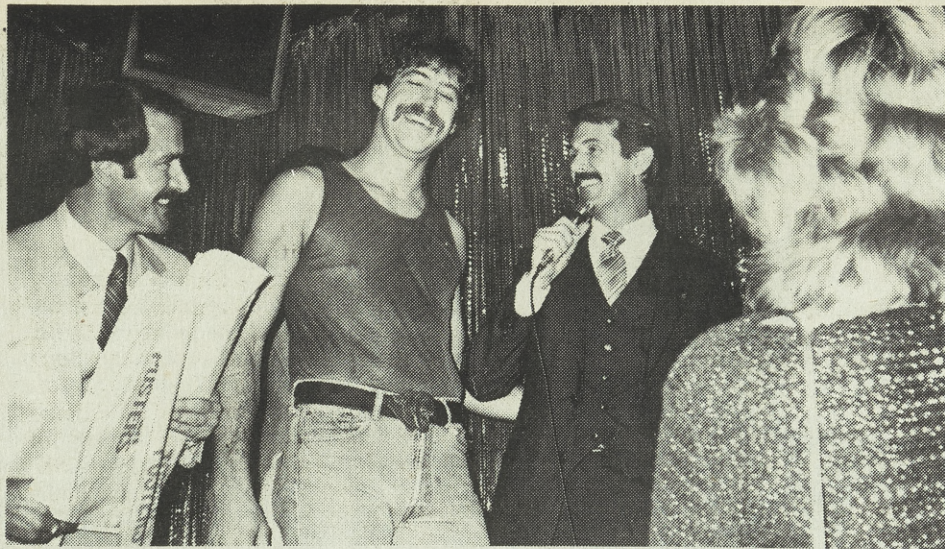
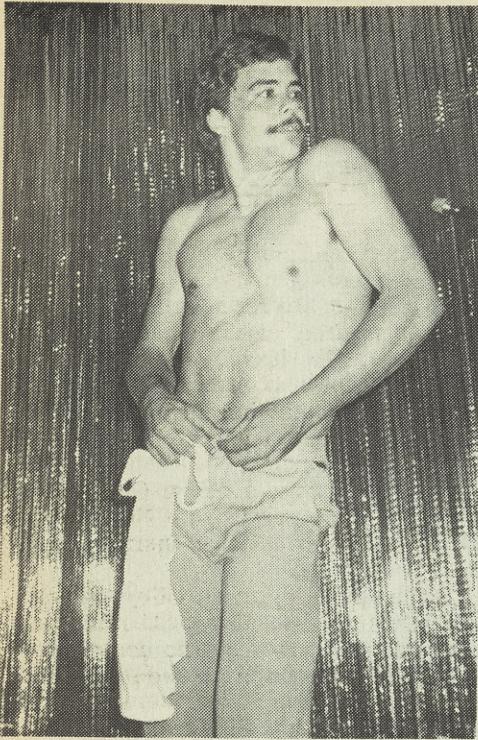
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Happy Anniversary!

Club 21 celebrated its first anniversary on Sept. 16. At the party, Wayne Swisher (center, top photo) was honored by the bar's owners, Clay Biscoe (right) and Bernie Ferris (left). Admission to the party was by ticket only, and entertainment was provided by the Whalin Black Band and local male strippers (left photo).

Men's Gathering Registration Due

The Fifth California Men's Gathering will be held October 8-11 in the Santa Cruz mountains at YMCA Camp Campbell near Boulder Creek.

The redwood/mountain camp atmosphere will provide an opportunity for several hundred men to explore and define new images of being male in contemporary society.

The schedule for the weekend includes workshops, facilitated and non-facilitated discussions, cultural events, social fellowship, and free time for personal retreats of self-examination and reflection.

Registration fees for the gathering are on a sliding scale based on income. A \$25 deposit is required with registration. Men who are interested in attending should contact the Sacramento Men's Collective at 985-6996 for information and registration forms as soon as possible.

The Sacramento Men's Collective is also making carpool arrangements for the gathering. Call them if interested. *

Law Prof Talks On Wealth, Work, Equality

Professor Carol Bruch of King Hall, the school of law at the University of California, Davis, spoke on "Work, Family Wealth and Equality" to a crowd of about 200 at Cal State University, Sacramento, on Saturday, September 18.

Bruch's was the first lecture in the Focus 5 lecture series sponsored by the Sacramento chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Bruch, a specialist in family law since she joined the UCD faculty in 1973 after clerking for U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas for a year, spoke mostly about legislation dealing with women's rights in divorce

and child custody cases. She is a consultant to the California Law Revision Commission.

She began by saying that many laws that seem innocent or even beneficial on the surface may turn out to be less favorable in interpretation and enforcement. Part of the reason for this, she said, is that the people who make laws generally want to preserve their power.

Another reason is that "when you start out with a reasonable bill and you have to compromise, you may end up with an unreasonable bill. That's easy to lose sight of in the legislative process."

Thus, Bruch said, it is sometimes necessary to oppose bills that started with good intentions but have had the guts compromised out of them just so they can pass.

Included in the changes Bruch sees as necessary are new understandings of the meaning of "community property" and even of what property is. She also noted that the wide differential between a man's earning power and a woman's earning power needs to be taken into consideration in divorce settlements and in support and child custody arrangements.

Finally, citing the success of the Fathers' Rights Lobby, she told the almost all-woman audience that a single-issue women's/mothers' rights lobby is needed. Such a lobby, according to Bruch, should be positive and assertive, drafting proposed legislation and directly lobbying legislators.

"The person who proposes something," she reminded her listeners, "has a better chance of getting it than does the person who merely responds to proposals."

In addition, she advised women to "look beyond single issues and make alliances wherever possible."

The next speaker in the series will be Del Martin, expert on battered wives and co-author of "Lesbian/Woman." She will speak on Saturday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the Redwood Room of the CSUS University Union. Her topic will be "The Battle of the Sexes: Isn't it Time We Called a Truce?" Single tickets will be available at the door for \$6. *

Demo Endorses Waters

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couple of years ago and was disowned by the party as a disgrace to its principles.

Citing Lowe's statements that he would never hire a gay officer unless ordered to do so by the Supreme Court, Miller said, "The California Supreme Court has prohibited discrimination in public employment, so Sheriff Lowe—the highest elected law enforcement officer in the county—is in effect saying that he will not enforce the law."

Miller concluded by urging his listeners to work for candidates in any way they could. He encouraged people to talk to their friends, saying "Your personal recommendations to your friends really mean a lot."

In other business, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays decided to open each meeting with a rap session at 7 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. Coordinator Merrill Follansbee reported that the group is buying books that will be available as a lending library, and that a brochure introducing PFLAG is being prepared. The brochure will be sent to all churches and individuals on the mailing list of the Interfaith Service Bureau.

The group's next meeting, on Tuesday, October 5, will feature reviews of two books of interest to parents of gay and lesbian children, followed by discussion. The October meeting will be at the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Avenue. *

Take Back The Night March

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brush with oppression has served to open their young eyes.

In closing, I would like to say that the feeling of marching in the night with hundreds of other women of all ages and classes will never abate. I cannot begin to describe the feeling of turning a corner and seeing women with candles, as far back as the eye can perceive, all yelling at the tops of our lungs, "We are women taking back the night!" *

*Editor's note: The Take Back the Night Coalition is in need of funds to cover expenses. Many T-shirts are still available. Call Debbie Wender or Shaila Rao at the Rape Crisis Center, 447-3223. **

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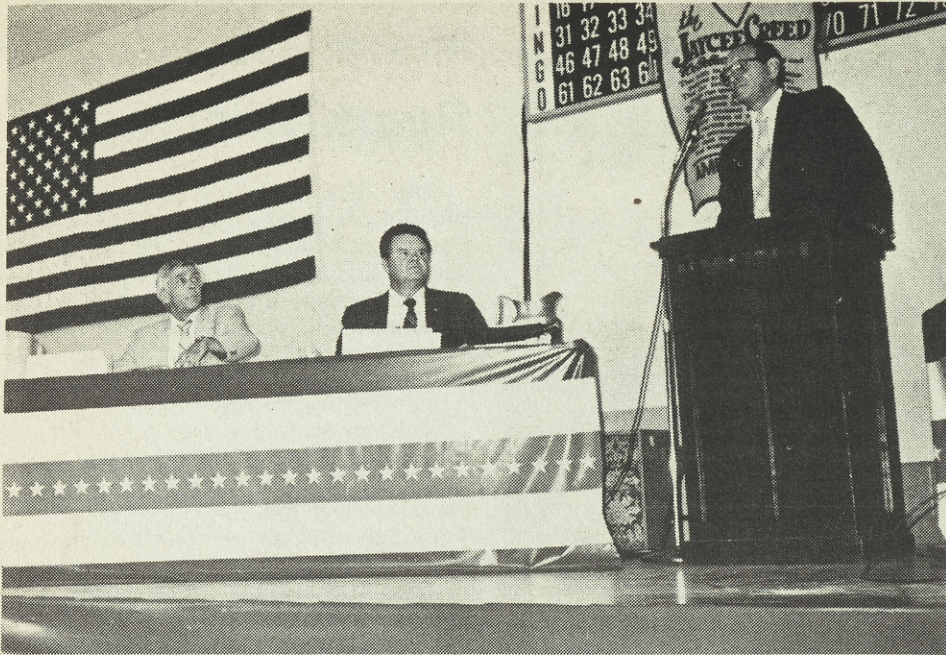
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Lt. Robbie Waters (right) and Sheriff Duane Lowe (center) fielded questions from representatives of the news media at a recent debate between the two candidates for sheriff. Bill Harvey (left) of Channel 3 News acted as moderator of the event.

Waters-Lowe Debate

Sheriff Remains Anti-Gay

By TIM WARFORD

Sheriff Duane Lowe and challenger Lt. Robbie Waters exchanged verbal blows at their first debate of the general election campaign on September 8 at the VFW Hall on Stockton Boulevard.

Waters opened the debate with an attack on Lowe's performance running the sheriff's department. "The department can no longer run on hindsight," he said, pointing out the recent mishandling of a rape case that received major coverage in The Sacramento Bee.

Waters told the audience that by challenging the sheriff he has had a "practical effect on the actions of the incumbent." As evidence he cited the revitalized training program for deputies, including proper procedures for handling rape cases; exploration of the feasibility of establishing substations in outlying areas; and the increase in the number of minorities within the ranks of deputies.

Lowe responded by recounting his experience in law enforcement and naming some of his supporters, including Bill Craig, commissioner of the California Highway Patrol.

Attacking what he called "malicious falsehoods" in Waters' campaign materials, Lowe said he would no longer leave them unchallenged. "Your free ride is over," he said.

Waters explained that the figures challenged by the sheriff were based upon reports supplied by the sheriff's department.

In response to Lowe's attacks on his experience in administration, Waters told the audience that in his 16 years as a lieutenant in the Sacramento Police Department he has handled every administrative job in the department. "Duane Lowe was just a sergeant in the jail before he was elected," Waters said.

Citing Police Chief Jack Kearns' practice of riding in a patrol car at least one shift a month, Waters charged that Lowe had not done anything similar to communicate with his deputies. If elected, Waters said, he would work with the deputies patrolling the streets.

"[Lowe] showed up at the midnight roll call two weeks ago. It's the first time they've seen him there in six years," Waters charged.

Moderator Bill Harvey of Channel 3 News asked the two a question submitted from the audience about their positions on hiring gay deputies. Lowe responded, "My position is the same today as it was a few years ago. I would not recruit gay people as deputy sheriffs into the sheriff's department."

He continued, "Unlike candidate Robbie Waters, who is courting the gay community [and] is going to be receiving a dollar per person from the gay bars of the people who frequent those bars, I will have no part of that."

Waters responded that he would not actively recruit gays for the sheriff's department and had told gay community leaders so.

"These people are also citizens of this county; they pay taxes and they have rights," Waters said.

He continued, "I'm courting every voter in this county for every vote I can get so that I can unseat the sheriff."

"[Gays] are good citizens. What their sexual preferences are is immaterial to me. It will not affect me and I will not actively recruit them; I told them that. But I will certainly have an open door policy to any minority or any other citizen, rich or poor, in this county."

Waters closed the debate by reminding the audience that the Deputy Sheriffs' Association had to file suit against Lowe to allow women officers to patrol the streets.

"Duane Lowe doesn't want to step out of the '70s into the '80s where he belongs," Waters asserted. *

Feminist Group Studies Daly

The Womyn's Church is sponsoring a "Feminist Spirit" book study group that focuses on the works of Mary Daly, the Rev. Jean Hart, pastor of the church, has announced.

Mary Daly has been called one of the leading feminist theologian-philosophers of our time.

The Feminist Spirit book study group meets Tuesday evenings in the home of one of the members of The Womyn's Church. Call 453-0791 or 736-0113 for more information. *

Gay Men's, Lesbian Forums Will Promote Positive Images

Two conferences celebrating positive images of gay men and lesbians will be held October 16 and 23 at Sierra II. The conferences aim at encouraging unity, awareness, and pride in Sacramento's gay and lesbian community.

Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, president of Lesbian and Gay Health and Mental Health Professionals, and Robin Purdy and Debbie Wender, program directors of the Sacramento Women's Center, are producing the conferences. Proceeds from the conferences will benefit the Sacramento Women's Center.

Saturday, October 16 is the date of the Gay Men's Conference. Psychiatrist Ed Hall will moderate this event, which will cover medical issues, gay fathers, single gay men, and gay couples. It will end with a film, "Greetings From Washington, D.C.," and a question-and-answer period.

Facilitators of the four workshops in the Gay Men's Conference will be local internists Harvey Thompson, M.D., and Sandy Pomerantz, M.D., Sacramento social worker Dan Rudd, psychiatrist Robert Miller from Oakland, and Harvey Rosenthal, also a psychiatrist, from San Francisco.

On Saturday, October 23, Sacramento social worker Mary Lou Hyde will moderate the Lesbian Forum. It will deal with lesbian couples, third world women, children of gays, and lesbian mothers. The forum will end with the film, "Greetings From Wash-

ington, D.C.," and a question-and-answer session.

Workshop leaders for the Lesbian Forum will be psychiatrist Elizabeth Harrison and social worker Phyllis Kaufman, both of Sacramento; Maria Hernandez, president of Advocates for Lesbian and Gay State Employees, and Rita Wedding, a counselor with Women's Stress Alternatives; social worker Kristine Belnap, who has studied children of lesbians and gay men; and social worker Terrie A. Lyons.

Child care will be provided on an advance registration basis at both conferences by the Sacramento Men's Collective. Parents should remember to provide a lunch for their children and plan to eat with them.

Lioness Books and the Sacramento Men's Collective will have books and T-shirts for sale at both conferences, and will also provide information on events in the community.

At the Lesbian Forum, local artists Remy Ceci and Cynthia Seawomyn will exhibit their works and offer them for sale.

Registration for each conference is \$15. A special low-income fee of \$10 has also been established. When registering, you may also order a brown bag lunch, provided by Dorman's Caterers, for \$5. Registration sites are Lioness Books and the Mercantile Saloon. Participants may also register by mail to the Conference Committee, Sacramento Women's Center, 2100 Capitol Avenue #2, Sacramento 95816. *

Anti-Gay Law Struck Down In Texas

A Texas state law prohibiting "deviate" sexual activity between consenting adults of the same gender was struck down by U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer in Dallas on August 17.

According to gay rights leaders, the decision could serve as a launching pad to revoke similar statutes in 24 other states, because it is the first instance in which a federal court has been involved.

Judge Buchmeyer issued a 53-page opinion deciding the suit filed by Don Baker of Dallas against section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. He ruled that lesbian and gay people in Texas, estimated to number 1.5 million, have the same rights to privacy as hetero-

sexual married couples.

In part, the ruling said, "The right of privacy does extend to private sexual conduct between consenting adults—whether husband and wife, unmarried males and females, or homosexuals—and the right of equal protection condemns a state statute which (like 21.06) prohibits homosexual sodomy, but not heterosexual sodomy, without any rational basis."

The judge also said that the state's lawyers failed to present any reasons for the law other than platitudes about public opinion and morals.

The law was adopted by the Texas Legislature in 1973. It replaced a law that also prohibited sodomy between consenting heterosexual adults. *

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Power Plant DJ

Richard Carmichael is one of the DJs who entertain the crowds at the Power Plant Thursday through Sunday evenings. On the other nights, tapes provide music.

RCBA Votes To Commend Newspapers For Gay Stories

Discussion of articles on the gay community printed recently in the Sacramento Union and The Sacramento Bee and a presentation on a time-share condominium development at North Lake Tahoe highlighted the general membership meeting of the River City Business Association at the Incredible Edible on September 13.

Although some members of RCBA felt that the features in the local newspapers were superficial and "lightweight," the membership voted to direct the secretary to write to the Union and The Bee, commending them for their fair and positive introductions to the complex story of Sacramento's lesbian and gay community.

Sales representatives for the Edgelake Beach Club, a time-share condominium development in King's Beach, made a presentation. The development is making a special effort to attract gay buyers before opening sales to the general public.

In other business, it was noted that RCBA has made grants of \$350 to the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week Committee and \$500 to Gay Vote '82, and has joined Our Community United, with the explicit purpose of "encouraging other organizations to also take a direct stand and to support these activities." This additional support has not been forthcoming, it was reported.

RCBA President Ilka Archer reported that the self-defense class co-sponsored with NOW in August was a success, and that another class is being planned for October.

Archer also stated that RCBA is beginning a drive to raise funds to send a delegate to the second annual convention of the National Association of Business Councils (in effect, the national gay chamber of commerce) in Washington, D.C., November 12-15.

John Peaslee won the business card drawing. His prize was one free business directory advertisement donated by The Sacramento Star.

The board of directors of RCBA will meet on Monday, September 27, at 6 p.m. at the Incredible Edible. Members and guests are invited. The next general membership meeting will be Thursday, October 14, at 8 p.m. *



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SF Catholic Task Force Advises Gay Outreach

A task force of the Commission on Social Justice of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco made some revolutionary suggestions concerning the church's treatment of gays and lesbians in a report released September 13.

The report, not an official statement of the archdiocese, was unanimously adopted by the semi-autonomous commission as a "working document meant to encourage a new process of dialogue and reflection," stated commission chairman Thomas E. Ambrogio.

The task force's 117-page report includes 54 specific recommendations on implementing the U.S. bishops' 1976 declaration that "homosexuals, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against their basic human rights. They have a right to respect, friendship and justice."

The task force began its study in May 1981, in reaction to a rash of anti-gay attacks in San Francisco. The panel estimated that 20 percent of the City's population is gay. The 14 members of the task force included clergy and laymen with expertise in theology, clinical psychology, sexuality, teaching, and other social fields.

Among the recommendations in the report was that the church should reach out to its gay and lesbian members and not consider them a threat to traditional family life.

It blamed some "homophobic Latin clergy" for fostering an atmosphere in which "it is falsely assumed that the lives of lesbian women and gay men present a direct threat to the family structure. We deny this assumption and see it as ill-informed and prejudicial."

The recommendations in the report also included opening churches, schools, and parish centers to gay organizations; banning discrimination against gays in employment throughout the diocese; acknowledging the presence of gay men and lesbians among the clergy and religious; and accepting openly gay men and lesbians as priests and nuns.

The report also called for education programs "to provide positive images

of gay Latino men and lesbian Latina women that are essential for dismantling myths and stereotypes that hurt families."

It said that the church should understand that homosexuality affects family life in a way the church and clergy can help. The church, it said, "can encourage the establishment of meeting places for dialogue and discussions. Clergy, lay leaders, and religious educators can serve as facilitators, resources, healers and reconcilers for families and their homosexual members."

The report stated that services "available to opposite-sex couples" should be "available to same-sex couples."

"The archbishop," said the report, should "encourage full participation of lesbian and gay persons in parishes and organizations in the archdiocese."

The existence of gay clergy, according to the task force, "is, unfortunately, a largely undiscussed issue, probably where the reality of alcoholic priests, nuns, and brothers was some few years ago."

And, it said, "To make matters worse, heterosexual priests and religious who, in the name of social justice, want to support their gay brothers and lesbian sisters, in or out of structured religious communities, suffer guilt by association if they manifest a sustained interest in lesbian or gay causes."

The report also deplored "the violence which comes from self-righteous religious attitudes," and condemned the "dangerous rhetoric" of fundamentalist Christians who form a "backbone of hatred and contempt" that encourages violence against an estimated 20 million gay and lesbian Americans.

The Rev. Miles Reilly, spokesman for Archbishop John Quinn, said, "The archbishop and the diocese see this as an initial step in the dialogue that will help the church and the gay and lesbian community find ways to serve and minister to gays and lesbians."

Reilly said that the archbishop "sees it as a vital first step, in a long process. Before you can communicate you have to listen. This is part of the listening process." *

Prof Joins CSU Long Beach Lawsuit

A Cal State University-Long Beach instructor accused of "promoting lesbianism" in her courses has joined an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit that accuses the university of trying to dismantle its Women's Studies program.

Dr. Betty Brooks was added to the suit as a plaintiff, and the suit was amended to add allegations of sex discrimination.

Brooks was suspended in June after complaints by local members of the Phyllis Schlafly-led Eagle Forum. She was reinstated following a personnel investigation, but the fall offering of her course "Women and Their Bodies" was cut from two sections to one, and three of her extension courses were cancelled.

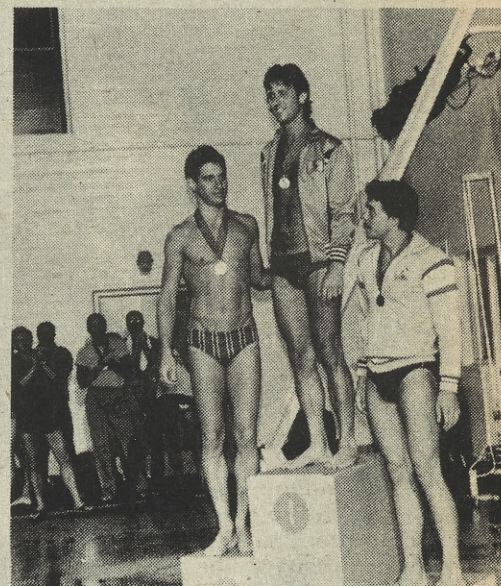
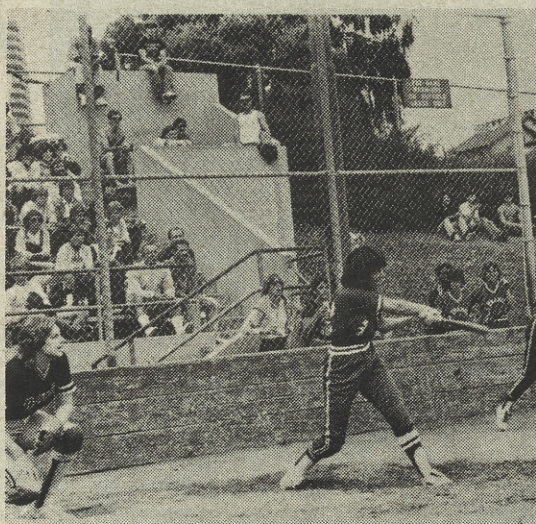
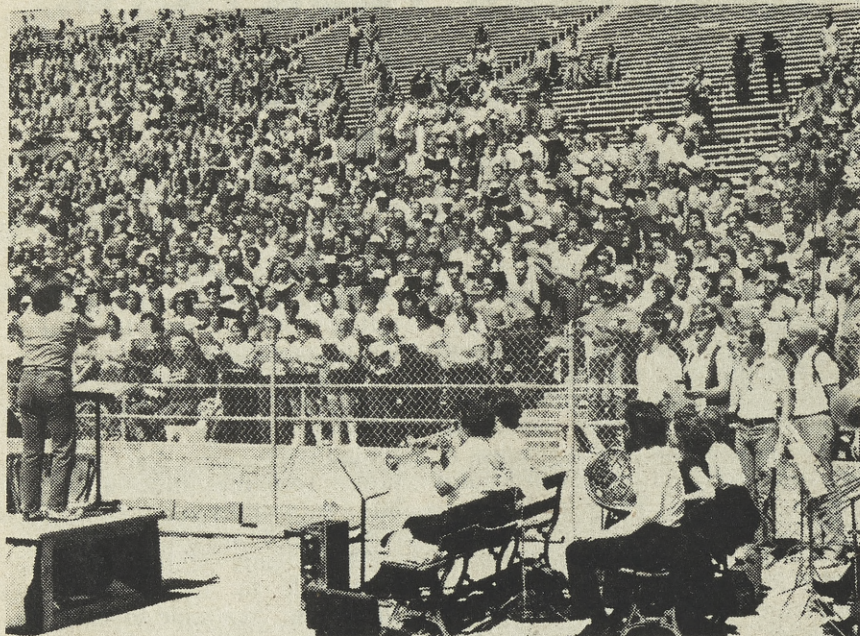
The original charges in the lawsuit still stand. They are that CSU-LB, in violation of the state education code, bowed to political pressure from fundamentalist and anti-feminist groups, in cancelling all summer session Women's Studies courses, temporarily closing the Women's Center, and removing Sondra Hale as director of the program.

As amended, the suit charges the university of sex discrimination in violation of both state and federal law. While such programs as Black Studies, Mexican-American Studies, and Pacific-Asian Studies, founded 10 years ago at the same time as Women's Studies, all have tenured faculty, Women's Studies has only part-time staff.

Keith Polakoff, associate dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, denied that the university was trying to phase out Women's Studies, which is part of the school of social sciences. *

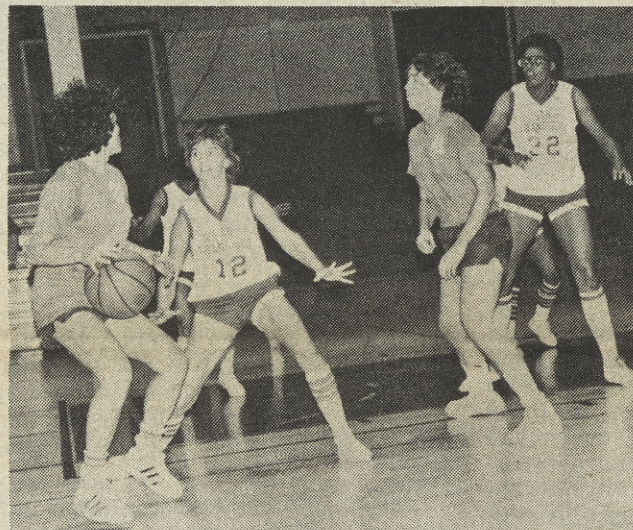
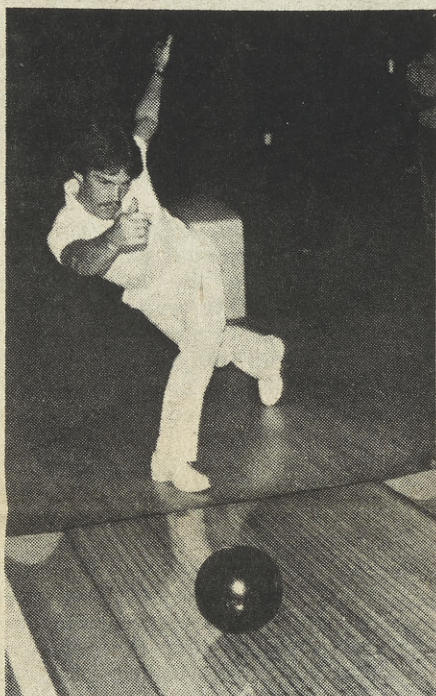
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FEATURE



An 800-voice combined chorus from all over the United States (upper left) performed during the closing ceremonies of the Gay Athletic Games in San Francisco as Sacramento athletes watched from the field (lower right). Local entrants won medals in several events. Jay Montgomery (at right, upper photo) took the bronze in diving and the gold in wrestling. Jay Welch (lower left) took the silver in men's individual bowling. A silver medal also went to the Sacramento women's volleyball team and a bronze was won by the Sacramento women's bowling team. Women's competition was keen in basketball (lower center) and in softball (above center), the best attended of the athletic events.

Star Photos by
Kathy Tavares



What Gay Games Were About

By JOYCE BRIGHT

I attended the Gay Games in San Francisco with an attitude that mixed skepticism with mild curiosity. As an amateur athlete I am always willing to witness human achievement measured in terms of physical performance. Hence the curiosity.

However, as an amateur athlete I also am disgusted by the intrusion of politics into athletic games. The Gay Games, though not necessarily intended as a political statement, turned into a political circus when U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Conti issued a federal court order requiring the Gay Games to stop using the words "Olympic," "Olympiad," and related terms and symbols.

At the same time, the Gay Games were opened to anyone who wanted to participate. One did not need to qualify to enter these games. One only needed money to get to San Francisco. My skepticism centered around the notion that, because the Games were open to anyone, quality competition would be ignored.

Now, I have traveled a good deal, seen many beautiful and lovely and quaint cities. San Francisco still strikes me as the most beautiful. But I love it as one loves a very distant, seldom-seen relative. I go to San Francisco for art shows or with hetero-

sexual friends for road races. My knowledge of the lesbian/gay phenomenon is therefore second-hand—what I read or what friends tell me when they return from the City. It is not something I have personally felt.

Such was not always the case. During the late 60's I often went to San Francisco. I identified strongly with the hippie movement. We believed then in peace and love with a naivety matched only by our sincerity. We walked the streets of North Beach, listened to the streetcorner guitar players, ducked into a coffee house for poetry readings, and marched in demonstrations. Good will was as pervasive as the cool winds that freshened the air. I was proud then to be a part of the City.

Having just returned from the Gay Games, I am proud once again to be a part of this City. But my pride is not the pride of youthful naivety. I am proud of the men and women who over the last ten years have overcome their own fears, who have battled political obstacles and cultural stereotypes so that I might walk Castro Street arm in arm with a girl friend. It seems like such a little thing. Freedom is never a little thing.

On Saturday I attended the women's softball play-offs. In the semi-finals Detroit lost to San Rafael. The Detroit team, when it lost, came and sat down

in the area where a friend and I sat. The team was tired. The members had played their best for that day. Now they were going to watch the final round—San Francisco playing San Rafael for the gold medal.

The women laughed and drank their beer. They cheered. At the end of the game, when San Francisco won, they rose as a group and spontaneously cheered the winners. One woman turned to her friend and said enthusiastically, "San Francisco was the best." Her friend replied, "They deserved to win."

That's what competition, what games, are about: to participate, to do your best, and when you have lost, to generously acknowledge the good play of others.

At the closing ceremonies, the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps came onto the field playing a Sousa march. Their marching and playing were outstanding, very professional. They completed their selections with a very upbeat version of "The Stripper." The audience laughed in appreciation. A man in the stands took off all his clothes, only to reveal his swimming trunks. We applauded. That's what games are about—fun and laughter and good will.

At the end of the ceremonies, a tea dance was held on the green. The

people in the stands joined the hundreds of athletes on the field in joyous cheering, emotional embraces, and uninhibited dancing. That's what the games were about.

It is not our sexuality that unites us. We have shared a common oppression: we share, as all oppressed minorities share, a common sensitivity, a humor, a perception of the world founded in oppression and now nurtured through a fierce courage to prevail. Oppressed, we have contributed so much to society. In a spirit of love and good will we have so much more to contribute. The Gay Games symbolize our solidarity, our willingness to move forward so that the world we live in will be better for our participation.

Congressman Phillip Burton spoke at the closing ceremonies. He spoke of his commitment to gay/lesbian issues. He spoke about the courage of those who took part in the games. He ended by saying, "Gay and lesbian people have demonstrated here that they are strong, proud, and determined to be free."

It is a fine thing that a non-homosexual would acknowledge those qualities in us. It is a finer thing still if each of us can know that his words correspond to a truth deeply felt within us all, so that working together in strength and pride we can each taste the freedom so long denied us.★

PROFILE

Lt. Robbie Waters: Law and Order, Fair and Equal

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

On July 22, Tim Warford and I interviewed Lt. Robbie Waters of the Sacramento Police Department, running against Sheriff Duane Lowe for Sheriff of Sacramento County.

We are grateful to the gay community's Committee to Elect Robbie Waters, who arranged the interview, and especially to Carole Thompson and Kathy Gage, who opened their home for the occasion.

Lt. Waters is a Sacramento native and a career law-enforcement officer. He is running for sheriff, he says, because "I believe that the people who live in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County are not getting the police protection that the citizens who live in the city limits are receiving from the Sacramento Police Department. I want to take my reorganizational ideas and my attitudes over there [to the sheriff's department] and make this a safer place for you to live."

Major points in Waters campaign against Lowe are what he terms "a tremendous rise in the crime rate," the need for reorganizing the sheriff's office to put more officers on the street, and the discipline and attitude problems arising from the sheriff's "unfair and unequal treatment" of deputies.

The violent crime rate in Sacramento County, Waters asserts, "has gone up over 10 percent a year. There's a problem in this town and it's got to be stopped. And the only way it's going to be stopped is to put more officers on the street."

"The answer is not throwing money at crime," Waters says, citing the sheriff's current annual budget of some \$50 million.

"That's about a million a week to run the sheriff's department. I can't really quarrel with \$50 million if he was using it right."

According to Waters, one of the things that are not right is having "sworn, trained people working behind the desk doing things that other departments, including the Sacramento Police Department for the last five years, use civilians to do at half the pay."

He proposes to move officers back to active duty by hiring civilians to do office work. "For example, if an officer in the field retires, we don't replace that officer. Instead, we hire two civilians for that officer's salary and put them at desk jobs, freeing two fully sworn officers to put out in the field. Our net gain is one, without any increase in the budget."

Waters also suggests that he could save money by eliminating "some of these specialty-type jobs where people are not productive—luxury-type positions where they're in plain clothes," and putting them "in uniform back on the street."

"I know, from looking at their organizational chart," he says, "that I could put 40 officers back on the street in two weeks."

Another major problem that Waters sees in the sheriff's department is connected with Lowe's "unfair and unequal" treatment of deputies. Waters blames this for low morale in the

department, breakdown of discipline, and a bad attitude toward minorities in the community.

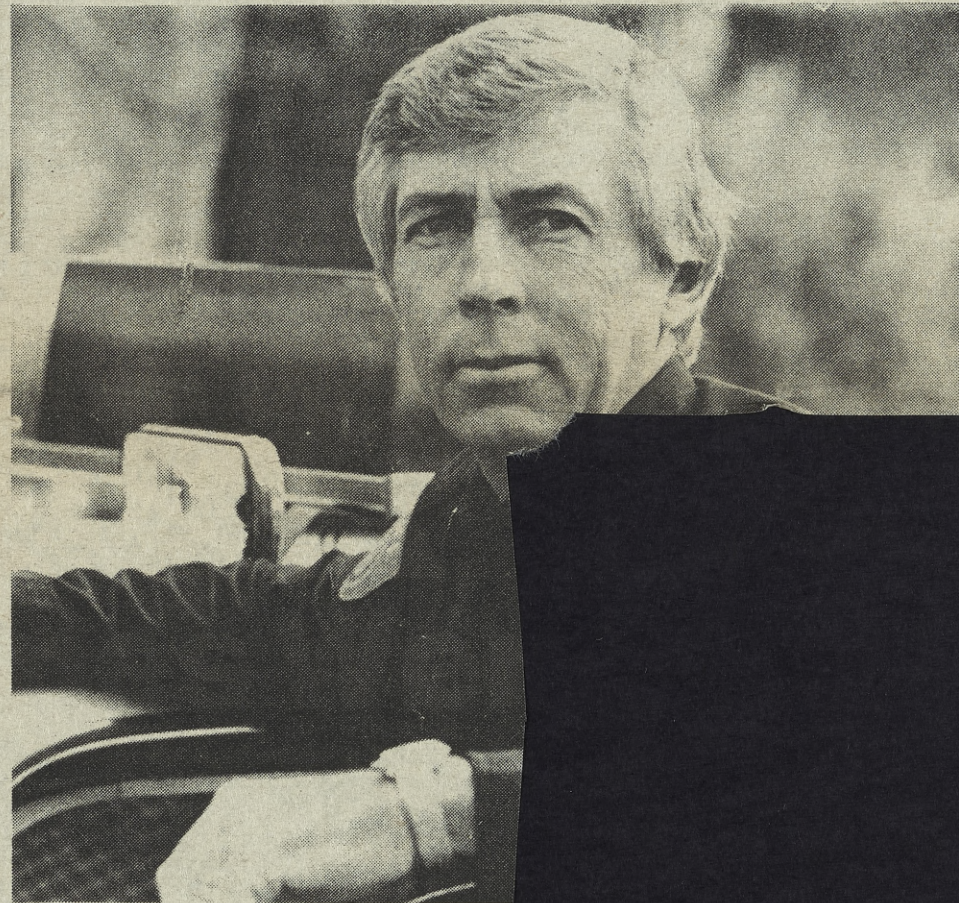
As evidence of low morale among deputies, Waters cites a February 1982 vote of "no confidence" in Sheriff Lowe by 64 percent of voting deputies in the Deputy Sheriffs' Association. He also points out that 63 percent of the voting deputies then endorsed his candidacy.

Waters claims that Sheriff Lowe's "unequal and unfair treatment of officers" is "putting their lives in jeopardy in some cases." This is because, he says, discipline is so capricious that a deputy may start to think about possible disciplinary con-

the rights of his officers, why would you have any reason to believe, as a gay citizen, that he would worry about rights down at your level?"

To a question of what he would do about the unfair and unequal treatment of officers and the public, Waters responds, "Nothing's black and white; there's a lot of grey out there. But you've got to have some parameters. Treatment has to be equal and fair."

In the department, Waters says, "the sheriff's attitude prevails. It doesn't take long for the word to get through 750 officers that if you beat up a prisoner who's handcuffed you get fired the next day—or that nothing will happen."



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sequences of an action—use of his gun, for instance—in a situation where taking that time could mean the difference between life and death.

According to Waters, Sheriff Lowe's derogatory remarks about gay people reflect his "holier-than-thou" attitude toward many groups of people. "How is this attitude going to spin off into the community," Waters asks, "especially the minority community?"

Referring to the sheriff's department's internal investigative procedures that prohibit an officer involved in a shooting from talking to an attorney or a representative of the deputies' association before talking to the sheriff's investigators, Waters again asks, "If he can't even preserve

you don't hear it over there anymore."

Waters says he would institute community awareness training programs for both recruits and veterans, as the Sacramento Police Department did with the cooperation of Norv Giles from the gay community.

He says that representatives from the gay community should "come out there and talk to them. Tell them 'Here are some of our concerns, and look, we don't have seven heads. We're not any different than you are.' And let them see that."

The department's in-service training, Waters says, should have community awareness programs "to teach officers how to deal with people. And we need it to be ongoing, because cultures change, people and ideas and thoughts change."

Waters sums up his position on treatment of minority groups by saying, "I will not have time as sheriff to discriminate against any minority group. I'll be too busy discriminating against criminals."

Since most gay people live in the City of Sacramento, they have little direct contact with the sheriff's department. If for any reason, however, city residents have to go to jail, they have to deal with the sheriff's department, which operates the jail. There have been frequent reports of excessive use

has set up smaller committees within the community to direct the work of volunteers, like the Committee to Elect Robbie Waters in the gay and lesbian community. People wishing to work in the campaign should contact Kathy Gage or Jim Graham, 457-7489.

When asked why gay and lesbian people should vote for him and not for Sheriff Lowe, Lt. Robbie Waters gives a direct answer.

"Some people say to me, 'You're just less bigoted than Lowe; there's not that much difference between you.' I say this to that: You know what you've got with Lowe. At least the door's going to be open to come and see me if you've got a problem. His door's not open. I'm going to give them training [for sensitivity to minorities]—and you know that's not happening now."*

Employment Protection Extended To Business

The California State Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) will accept gay and lesbian people's complaints of sexual orientation discrimination by private employers, Advocates for Gay and Lesbian State Employees (AGLSE) announced recently.

Boyce Hinman, vice-president of the Sacramento chapter of AGLSE, stated that he has received written confirmation from Barry F. Carmody, DIR Assistant Chief, Field Operations, that the department takes the position that Sections 1101 and 1102 of the Labor Code preclude discrimination against "open" gay and lesbian people by private as well as public employers.

These sections of the Labor Code prohibit employers from coercing or influencing the political activity of employees by threat of discharge or loss of employment. They were inter-

preted by the California Supreme Court to protect "open" homosexuality as a form of political expression in a 1979 decision. The ruling was made in a case brought by the Gay Law Students' Association of Hastings School of Law, San Francisco, against Pacific Telephone.

Although that case applied to a public utility, Sections 1101 and 1102 apply to private employers generally as well as to public employers. This general application lead to DIR's decision to accept complaints against private employers.

Gay and lesbian people who have been discriminated against may file complaints at any district office of the Labor Standards Enforcement Division of the Department of Industrial Relations. Carmody cautioned that DIR employees may not all be aware

of the policy and that lesbians and gay men filing complaints may have to do some "educating" when they go in to file a complaint.

After a complaint is filed, Labor Standards Enforcement Division staff investigate the allegations and present any positive findings to the local district attorney's office for possible criminal prosecution of the employer.

Violations of Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102 are misdemeanors. Guilty individuals may be imprisoned in the county jail for up to one year, fined up to \$1,000, or both. Guilty corporations may be fined up to \$5,000.

In addition, Labor Code Section 1105 permits injured employees to recover civil damages from employers who violate Sections 1101 and 1102.

"We also believe there are protections for homosexuals who do not make

their sexual orientation public," Hinman said.

"For example, Article I of the California State Constitution guarantees every citizen's right to personal privacy. If a homosexual does not disclose his or her sexual orientation, the employer could only discover it by investigating the person's sexual orientation. We think such investigations would violate the individual's right to personal privacy."

In certain cases, also, it may be possible for employees to prove a case of intentional affliction of mental distress, thereby entitling the wronged employee to compensatory and punitive damages.

Anyone wishing further information may contact AGLSE at P.O. Box 161756, Sacramento, CA 95816, or P.O. Box 2646, Berkeley, CA 94702. *

Judge Sees Underlying Discrimination Against Gay Inmates

U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Karlton on September 14 denied a request for a temporary restraining order blocking the California Medical Facility at Vacaville from transferring seven gay inmates to another section of the prison.

The seven inmates had claimed that their transfer from the first to the third floor of their building would expose them to physical harm from other prisoner-patients.

The request for the temporary restraining order was part of a larger motion charging the corrections officials with discrimination against gay prisoners. The gay inmates assert that they were denied equal access to

prison jobs and other activities because they are gay.

Their attorney, Michael Snedeker of the state public defender's office, said that they will probably continue to press the discrimination complaint.

Judge Karlton said that there are "very, very serious issues" involved in the case, but that the inmates had failed to prove their claim.

"It just doesn't seem to me," Karlton said, "there is evidence that there is increased danger; there is certainly suspicion, but that is different."

Karlton did describe the proposed transfer as "a very troubling matter"

because of "an underlying theme of discrimination." He said that the state Department of Corrections had not shown him why the transfers are being made.

The attorney for the corrections department, Lisa Lewis Dubois, gave no specific reason for the transfers, saying that they were part of administrative changes at the facility.

The seven inmates are classified as "B" prisoners. This means that they are considered flamboyant in their homosexuality, flaunting it in their clothing and mannerisms. B-class prisoners number about 90 out of 1,500 at

the prison.

They currently live on the first floor of the building with staff members and prisoners classified as "helpers." These have good records and assist in running the prison.

Prison officials plan to move the B-class prisoners to the third floor with C-class prisoners. These are post-psychotic prisoner-patients not considered dangerous enough to be in lockup.

The gay prisoners contend that this move would expose them to danger from the C-class prisoners. But Dubois said a grill-gate would be built to separate the two classes of prisoners. *

Navy Will Discharge Lesbian Sailors

The Navy announced on September 2 that it will discharge three women sailors aboard the repair ship Vulcan because they are lesbians, according to The Associated Press.

The three to be discharged were among 10 women named in an investigation begun in May after the Vulcan's captain, Capt. James E. McConville, said he received complaints about homosexual activity.

The Navy declined to release the names of any of the women involved in the investigation, saying that the Privacy Act prohibits such disclosure unless the cases go to court-martial.

Two of the women, a petty officer and a seaman, waived administrative board hearings after "admitting their

homosexuality." A Navy spokesman said that they did not want to contest their cases and have agreed to leave the service.

Two others, both petty officers facing homosexual misconduct charges, went before the administrative board. The commanding officer recommended that one be discharged and the other be retained in the Navy.

Two more, a seaman and a petty officer, did not go before an administrative board because an investigation disclosed that one had enlisted fraudulently and that the other was unsuited for enlistment.

Two others were cleared, and two more cases are pending. *

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Fair Wine Tasting Produces Recommendations

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Equipped with enough money, enough time, and enough stamina, one could have tasted about 250 wines from 80 California wineries during the 14-day run of the California State Fair.

The tastings were conducted by winery personnel (in some cases, the owners and their families) and by the staff of the California Culinary Exposition. The winetasting area was just adjacent to the culinary exposition, where food and wine experts presented programs exploring the various aspects of "California cuisine."

At the winetasting, you paid \$3 as you entered, and were given a wine glass, five tickets (each redeemable for one sample), and a very informative brochure describing how to taste and what to look for.

Along one wall was a long booth fronted by a counter, behind which the pourers offered the day's wines. Behind the counter, too, the Heritage Farms cheese company and Zanze's Bakery offered their products to help clear the palate, absorb the wine, and preserve the equilibrium.

A spacious open area dotted and surrounded with upended barrels afforded a place to taste the wines in relative freedom from the crush of people at the counter. At the counter, the lighting was bright, and the white woodwork provided a good background against which to check the wines for color and clarity.

Most people seemed to conduct their tastings on the level of like or dislike, and some seemed far more concerned with the wines' effects. I did observe a few others like myself, holding glasses aloft to check the color, swirling the wine to release the bouquet, sipping a little wine and rolling it about in the mouth to catch all the flavors, and then scribbling notes to catch the fleeting impressions.

I had neither money, time, nor stamina to test all the wines every day of the fair, but I did taste on three days. In the following tasting notes, you will observe that I tasted more than 15 wines (which is all my tickets would have got me). Thanks to my tasting partners for sharing with me. Recommended wines are marked with a star.

Thursday, Sept. 2, 1982

**Llords and Elwood, The Rare Chardonnay 1980.* From Sonoma County grapes. Pale straw color. Clear. Very light, clean, no bite. Very pleasant, good aperitif.

**Felton Empire Dry White Riesling 1980.* Golden-green color. Riesling nose. Quite dry, almost spicy flavor. Probably would be good with ham.

**Stony Ridge Monterey County Pinot Noir 1979.* Light, clear ruby color. Very fresh, almost raspberry nose. Light, tart, grapey flavor. For lamb, pork, Mediterranean food.

**Estrella River Syrah 1979.* Deep garnet color. Rich, fruity nose, slightly dusty. Pleasantly tannic. Subtle flavor. Will age nicely. Good with lamb, beef.

Woodbury Partner's Reserve Port. Burnt orange-red color. Off nose—strangely alcoholic but not port-like. Too alcoholic, too thin. Definitely not port.

**Stony Ridge Blanc de Noir Sparkling Wine.* Pale, pale salmon color. Lightly maple syrup nose (gamay?). Very pleasantly dry with a hint of fruit.

Saturday, Sept. 4, 1982

**Livermore Winery, Pinot Blanc 1979.* Pale straw color. Fragrant nose. Very light, dry, tart. Excellent varietal example.

**Pedrizetti Pinot Chardonnay 1979.* Pale green-yellow. Grassy fragrance. Clean and dry with a touch of fruit. Medium bodied, heavier than Pinot Blanc.

**Kirigin Cellars Malvasia Bianca 1980.* Pale green-gold. Very fruity varietal nose. Light bodied. Still a bit dry, not overly sweet or fruity. Not for serving with a meal.

Sunrise Winery Pinot Noir (San Luis Obispo County) 1979. Medium red-brick color, clear. Typical Pinot noir nose. Light-bodied, tart-dusty finish, characteristic varietal flavor, but not fruity.

Emilio Guglielmi Zinfandel (Santa Clara Valley) 1977. Clear dark garnet color. Very ripe, zinfandel berry-like nose. Medium bodied. Smooth, but not fruity, with a slightly dusty-tannic-alcoholic finish.

Sunday, Sept. 5, 1982

**Boeger Sauvignon Blanc (Eldorado County) 1981.* Very pale greenish yellow. Fragrant fruity nose. Clean, dry, fruity, varietal. Excellent.

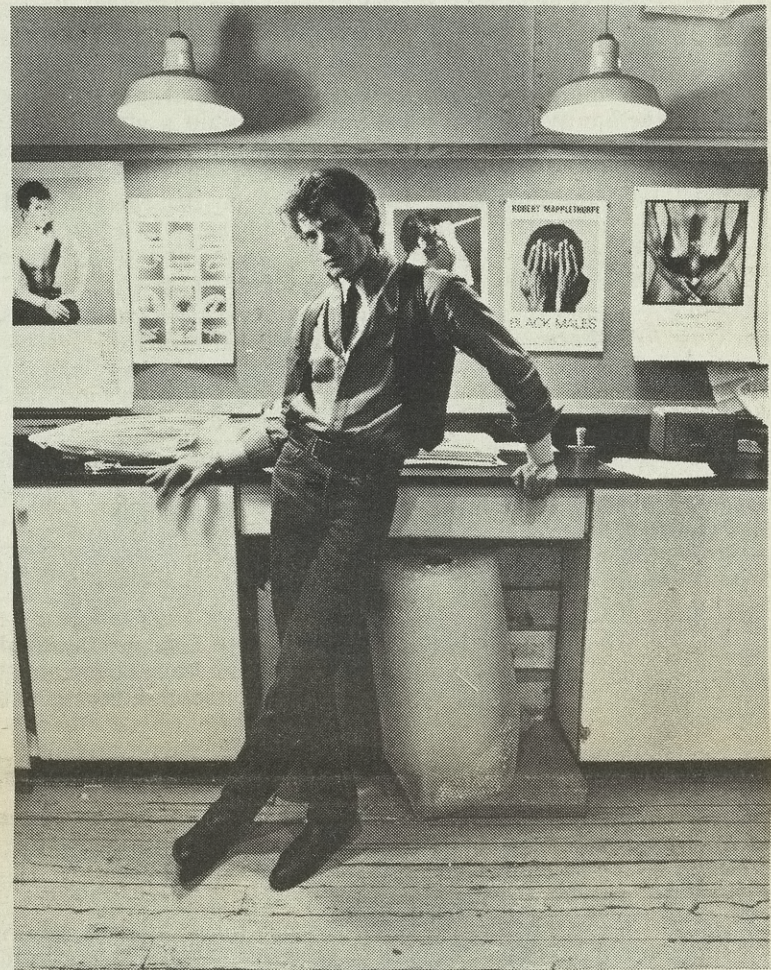
Shenandoah Sauvignon Blanc (Amador County) 1981. Pale green-straw color. Fruity, alcoholic nose. Fruity, medium bodied, grapey, with a sweetish finish.

**Sierra Vista Chenin Blanc.* Pale straw color. Clean, fruity varietal nose. Clean, medium bodied, medium dry. A good sipping wine.

**Beau Val Zinfandel Blanc 1981.* Salmon-light bronze color. Grapey nose. Fruity flavor with a dry finish.

**Story Zinfandel (non-vintage).* Clear garnet color. Good zinfandel-berry nose, with a hint of dustiness. Smooth, well-balanced, medium bodied, rich flavor. An excellent combination of fruit, tannin, and age.

Sierra Vista Zinfandel 1980. Garnet color. Dusty zinfandel aroma. Smooth, medium-bodied, with a slightly tannic finish. *



Fishback Photo Show

This portrait of photographer Robert Mapplethorpe by Kurt Fishback is one of seventeen portraits of artists on display with their works at the Michael Himovitz Gallery in a show entitled "CONTINUUM." The gallery is at 1828 Walnut Avenue.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 22

- * The STAR is published.
- * Gay Vote '82. 7 p.m. Call Jim Graham, 457-7489.
- * Lesbian Mothers Group. 3101 60th Street (456-9472 for directions). Childcare. 7 p.m. For more information, call Rhonda or Meribeth, 456-3254.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.
- * Man Two Man social—share your hobby. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.
- * Voter Registration-Gay Vote '82. Bojangles. 10 p.m.-midnight.

Thursday, September 23

- * Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Freedom Celebration Committee. Open meeting to discuss leadership and plans for 1983. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.
- * Voter Registration-Gay Vote '82. Mercantile Saloon. 5-8 p.m. Broadway Ltd. 10 p.m.-midnight.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective Political Action Committee meeting. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-6996 for location.

Friday, September 24

- * Lesbian Rap. "Emotional Burnout, Part 2."

Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

- * Voter Registration-Gay Vote '82. Power Plant. 10 p.m.-midnight.

Saturday, September 25

- * Voter Registration-Gay Vote '82. Parking Lot. 2-4 p.m. Anna Marie's 10 p.m.-midnight.

Sunday, September 26

- * Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.
- * Lesbian and Gay Mental Health Professionals potluck/party. Health and mental health professionals welcome. 6 p.m. Call 486-0150 for directions.
- * Winter Bowling League. First meeting. Land Park Bowl, Freeport Blvd across from Executive Airport. 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 27

- * River City Business Association. Board of Directors meeting. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.
- * Coming Out Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Men and women welcome. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

- * Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.
- * Open Door Rap sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

Tuesday, September 28

- * GNIE. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.
- * Capital City Squares. Second year of square dancing for advanced and beginners from last year. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 961-3185 or 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, September 29

- * Deadline for The STAR.
- * Gay Vote '82. 7 p.m. Call Jim Graham, 457-7489.
- * SacPAC. 7:30 p.m. 457-7489 for info.
- * Man Two Man social—Loving: What Does It Mean? 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Friday, October 1

- * Open Door Potluck sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.
- * Heart and Sole sing at Ollie's. 4140 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. \$3.50. 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 2

- * Del Martin speaks on "The Battle of the Sexes: It's Time We Called a Truce." NOW Focus 5 lecture series. Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS. 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$6 at the door.
- * Our River City Family Potluck. 391-1362 for information.
- * Sacramento Peace Center Fall Dinner with Geof Morgan in Concert. Dinner & concert \$7.50 (low income \$5), concert only \$4. Freeport Blvd. Christian Church, Freeport & 5th Ave. Free child care by appointment. Dinner at 6 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. Call 446-0787 for reservations.
- * Women's Only Potluck. Sponsored by Women's Outreach, CSUS Lesbian/Gay People's Union. 7:30 p.m. Call Chris at 457-1372 for information and location.

Sunday, October 3

- * Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.

Monday, October 4

- * Last day to register to vote in November election. Register and vote!
- * Coming Out Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Men and women welcome. Miwok Room,

University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

- * Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.
- * Open Door Rap sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

Tuesday, October 5

- * Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Books of interest to parents. Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi. 7:30 p.m.
- * Capital City Squares. Second year of square dancing. New beginners' class starts. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 961-3185 or 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, October 6

- * The STAR is published.
- * Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Friday, October 8

- * Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

Saturday, October 9

- * Heart and Sole performs at the Blue Mango Cafe, 330 G Street, Davis. 9:30 p.m.

ITEMS

Scattered Rhinestones

By RICK VAN DYKE

Local novelist and critic Joyce Bright, whose impressions of the Gay Olympics are printed in this issue of The Star, has sold her first article to The Advocate. The interview with popular lesbian novelist Paula Christian, whose new book "The Cruise" will be published in October, appears in the September 30 issue of the national gay magazine.

We're glad to hear that Norv Giles, owner of the Copy Service in Davis and founding president of River City Business Association, was not hurt in the recent smashup that totalled his car. Norv, who has rejoined the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, was returning from a rehearsal. According to our sources, the accident "scattered rhinestone jewelry and sheet music all over Vacaville."

The newest addition to the midtown business community is **Sounds Enjoyable**, a used record shop at 1125 21st Street (phone 446-8138). Owner Ed Castro has his shop open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. He buys, sells, and trades used records and collectors' recordings.

Mike Keesee, Campaign Manager in the Sacramento area for Proposition 12, the **Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze** initiative, paid a visit to The Star recently. This people's campaign for nuclear weapons sanity has a local office at 2021 N Street #E, and the phone number is 442-2020. They'll be glad to give you information about the initiative, which will be on the November ballot (more than 1 million Californians signed petitions to bring it to a vote). They'll also be glad to tell you how you can get involved. A similar initiative recently passed in the Wisconsin primary election by a 3 to 1 vote.

Why should gay people get involved? Here's a quote from Lucia Valeska of the National Gay Task Force: "Above us all looms the terrifying prospect of nuclear suicide so blithely risked by the openly straight politicians who occupy the White House and other seats of power. A pogrom directed against gay people may be merely a prelude to the end of the world."

Couples wishing to learn **ballroom dancing** should contact me through The Star. An instructor wants to form a ballroom dancing group to promote social and recreational interchange without the pressures of "cruising."

Bowlers should attend the organizational meeting for the winter league at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 26, at the Land Park Bowl on Freeport across from Executive Airport. Veterans and novices, men and women, all are welcome to participate.

We're sad to have to report that the **Lesbian and Gay Jewish Shabbat services** held for the past six months or so in Sacramento have been cancelled. According to organizer Steve Klein, attendance was "underwhelming" at the services held on the second Friday of each month at Temple B'nai Israel under the auspices of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, San Francisco's gay synagogue. Steve has turned the mailing list over to Sha'ar Zahav's outreach committee, which will coordinate any future efforts in Sacramento.

The first Sacramento showings of "**American Pictures**," a film about the contradictions in American life, will be Thursday and Friday, September 30-October 1, at 7 p.m. at La Semilla Cultural Center, 312 20th Street. Danish filmmaker Jacob Holdt traveled 102,000 miles through 48 states in five years, selling his blood to finance his photography. He was taken into 381 American homes, from impoverished sharecroppers in the Deep South to the nation's ruling families. This film gets its power from the contrasts between those who benefit from racism and those who are its victims. Ticket prices are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

The local **gay and lesbian attorneys** group has set Thursday, October 14 as the date for its organizational meeting. Open to all attorneys, law students, and legal professionals, the group has been meeting informally for several months. The October 14 meeting will be held at 1725 Capitol Avenue at noon. Dorothy Thompson, 442-4642, has more details.

The **Valley Knights Motorcycle Club** has announced "a truly spacey concept" for their sixth annual Christmas show—"Extra-Terrestrial Christmas." Set for December 11 at the Turn Verein Hall, the show will feature a talent contest as well as professional entertainment. If you'd like to perform, contact **Ryder B. Crystall** at 663-2255. The event will also include a prize for best "outer space" costume worn by a member of the audience, in addition to a raffle, door prizes, and a well-stocked bar. Proceeds from the event will be donated to The Aquarian Effort, whose health, legal, and drug treatment services are used by many members of the Sacramento gay community.

One way you can help in the effort to win and protect civil rights for gay and lesbian people is by supporting the **Gay Rights National Lobby**. GNRL is the only full-time gay rights lobby working in Washington, D.C. with the U.S. Congress. Currently GNRL is working to pass legislation prohibiting arbitrary discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. It is also working to defeat such anti-gay legislation as the "Family Protection Act" and an anti-gay amendment to the Legal Services Act. The only way GNRL can continue to work for you is with your support. Director and lobbyist **Steve Endean** is appealing to lesbian and gay people all over the country to join GNRL. Memberships start at \$20 per year. You can send your check to GNRL, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, D.C. 20013, or write to them for more information.

Watercolor paintings by noted artist **Catherine Yi-Yu Cho Woo** are on display in the office of Secretary of State **March Fong Eu** through October 8. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the **Michael Himovitz Gallery**, and is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Two concurrent shows of photographs by Sacramentan **Kurt Fishback** open today and run through October 23 at the **Michael Himovitz Gallery** in Carmichael. "Artists, Portraits, New York" is an archival portfolio of ten photographs of noted artists selected from more than 40 taken by Fishback in New York in May. "Continuum" is an exhibition of artist's portraits by Fishback. In appreciation of the photographer's work, many of the artists have chosen works of their own to display beside their portraits. Among these artists are Ansel Adams, Robert Arneson (noted for his rejected bust of George Moscone), Sacramento enamelist **Fred Uhl Ball**, **Viola Frey**, and **Robert Mapplethorpe**, whose photographs have appeared in *Christopher Street* magazine and *The Advocate*.*



STAR Photo by Amber Stewart

Heart and Sole will perform in Davis Oct. 9, after appearing Oct. 1 in Oakland.

Bay Trio Will Perform In Davis

Heart and Sole, a new three-woman musical group, will premier at Ollie's in Oakland on October 1 and perform at the Blue Mango Cafe in Davis on October 9.

Heart and Sole has been together since March 1982. Judy Winn placed an ad in PLEXUS for another guitarist/songwriter/singer to join her. Kris Larsen answered the ad, they hit it off, and the rest is herstory.

This duo had a number of successes in northern California, including Sacramento's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Follies in June. The Sacramento Star called them "the hit of the evening"

and they received a standing ovation after two sets and an encore.

Kat Batholomew, pianist/singer/songwriter, has recently joined Winn and Larsen. The addition of keyboards has given the music of Heart and Sole a whole new perspective.

Heart and Sole will appear Friday, October 1, at 8 p.m. at Ollie's, 4140 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland. Admission will be \$3.50. Joanna Cazden will also perform.

They will also perform at the Blue Mango Cafe, 330 G Street, Davis, at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 9.*

Low Immunity In Healthy Gay Men

Doctors at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in Boston have found in the blood of seemingly healthy gay men immune deficiencies similar to, but less acute than, the lowered white-blood-cell-count characteristic of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The Associated Press reported on September 16.

The cause and the importance of the condition are unclear, but the researchers contended that their discovery "suggests a greater public health hazard than is generally appreciated."

They studied 81 gay men, recruited through advertisements, who were not victims of any AIDS-related diseases. They found that 80 percent of these men had about equal numbers of helper white blood cells and suppressor white blood cells. The usual ratio is about twice as many helpers as sup-

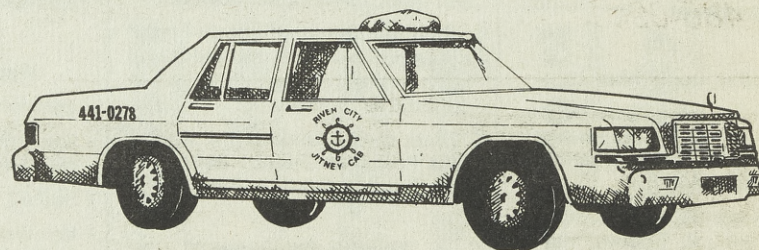
pressors, and AIDS victims usually have less than one helper for each suppressor.

The helper white blood cells produce the antibodies the body needs to fight off infection. Suppressor cells stop the production of antibodies.

The doctors said that there is no reason at this time to conclude that AIDS is present or more likely to occur in these men with lowered helper-cell counts.

Too little is known, they said, about the cause of AIDS, and it is not clear what lowered the helper-cell level in the healthy gay men. They pointed out that a number of viral infections, such as hepatitis and cytomegalovirus, which are relatively common among urban gay men, can lead to an abnormal ration of helper to suppressor cells.*

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Sheriff Refuses To Talk To Gays

By TIM WARFORD

Incumbent Sheriff Duane Lowe refused to meet with gay community leaders twice within the last month and a half, according to Gary Miller, chair of the Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee. Miller is an openly gay man who has long been active in Sacramento politics.

Miller said that the meeting was originally proposed when he had lunch with Jack Davis, campaign manager for Lowe.

After Davis failed to get back to Miller when he said he would, Miller called him to find out what was happening, Miller said.

"He told me that Sheriff Lowe didn't want to meet with me because he said I was too irresponsible. I told him there were a lot of other responsible gay people who wanted to meet with Lowe."

Miller said that Davis called him later to set up such a meeting, but later

cancelled the meeting.

In a letter to Davis, Miller then wrote, "I was certainly not surprised to learn that the meeting that you suggested with Sheriff Duane Lowe was 'cancelled.' Lowe has consistently rejected offers to meet with the gay community over the years.

"Because of Lowe's refusal to meet with the gay community and his refusal to issue a reversal or denial of his previous statements, we can only assume that he is just as bigoted as ever."

Miller's letter continued, "Frankly, having Sacramento's own version of Anita Bryant has been a godsend. Lowe has mobilized and politicized the gay community like no other politician."

According to Miller, Davis, who worked against Anita Bryant's Save Our Children campaign in Miami and with several other gay causes, told him

that Sheriff Mike Hennessey of San Francisco had asked him to work for Lowe. Davis managed Hennessey's election campaign.

Miller said that he sent letters to the three gay Democratic clubs and to gay newspapers in San Francisco concerning Hennessey and Davis.

"No one down there seems to care that Hennessey is supporting a homophobe up here," Miller said.

Hennessey told The Star, "I never endorsed anyone running for sheriff in any place except San Francisco."

"I have to work with whoever is elected up there," he continued.

The San Francisco sheriff said that he was never asked to support Lowe and had not given any money to the campaign or submitted an endorsement card.

Davis refused to return The Star's telephone calls to get his version of the incidents. *

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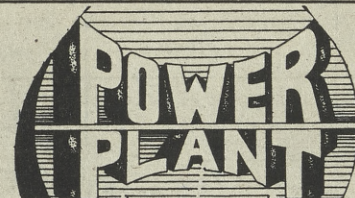
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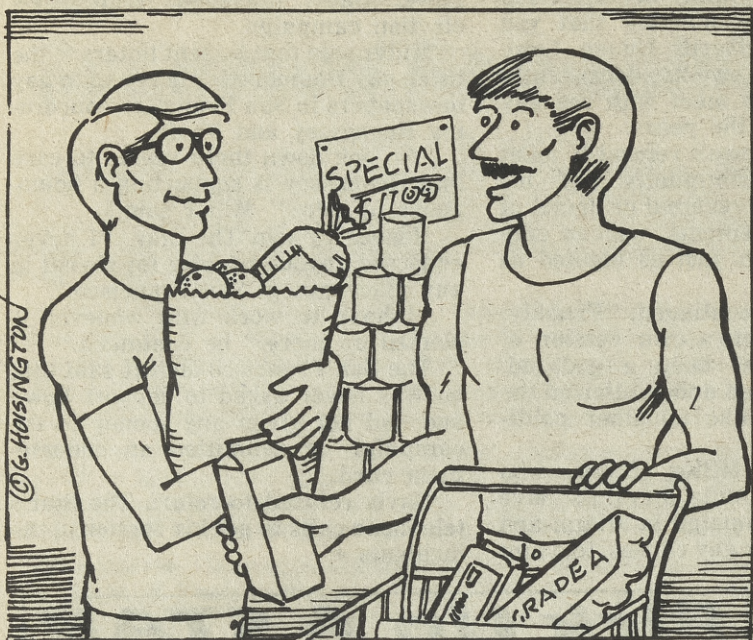
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